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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: SOVIET ARREST OF HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER

REF: A. GENEVA 1236, B. GENEVA 1460

1. SINCE USDEL WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES FROM HRC CHAIRMAN (BOZOVIC) CONCERNING SCENARIO DESCRIBED REF (B), AND IN VIEW OF CROWDED SCHEDULE WITH ONLY ONE WEEK REMAINING, USDEL DECIDED TO CIRCULATE DRAFT TELEGRAM (TEXT REF A) UNDER AGENDA ITEM 11 (HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT).
2. DISCUSSION OF ITEM 11 BEGAN AT P.M. MEETING MARCH 4 AND CARRIED OVER INTO NIGHT MEETING WHICH ENDED AT 9:15 P.M. GENEVA TIME.
3. DISCUSSION OF U.S. DRAFT TELEGRAM OPENED BY USREP LOWENSTIEN, WHO CONFINED REMARKS TO THE PROCEDURAL SETTING IN WHICH U.S. PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED. HE DEFENDED COMPETENCE OF HRC TO CONSIDER MATTER RAISED IN DRAFT TELEGRAM AND DESCRIBED PROPOSAL AS A MOST MODEST, RESTRAINED BEGINNING FOR THE HRC TO CONSIDER ALL ISSUES
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS EVERYWHERE, HE STRESSED THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WAS LIMITED TO ATTEMPT TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

4. USSR REP ZORIN, IN LONG STATEMENT, OPPOSED U.S. PROPOSAL AS ILLEGAL ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE HRC TO INTERVENE IN SOVIET DOMESTIC AFFAIRS (FULLER REPORT OF ZORIN REMARKS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL).

5. US PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY CANADA, ITALY,
FRG AND UK.

6. SOVIET POSITION SUPPORTED BY BYELORUSSIA.
ALGERIAN OBSERVER, IN BRIEF COMMENT, NOTED THAT IF
ALGERIA WERE A MEMBER OF THE HRC HE WOULD JREJECT THE
U.S. PROPOSAL OUTRIGHT.

7. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS
CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT DISCUSSION OF ITEM 11 WOULD
RESUME AT A.M. MEETING MARCH 7. AT THIS POINT
BULGARIA, IN BELATED ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO MATTER
UNDER DISCUSSION UNDER ITEM 11, PROPOSED A DRAFT
DECISION THAT THE HRC DECIDE NOT CONSIDER THE
DOCUMENT, CITING THE DOCUMENT NUMBER OF THE U.S. PORPOSAL,
WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE PHRASEOLOGY. CHAIRMAN
REMINDED BULGARIAN REP THAT HE HAD ALREADY CLOSED
DISCUSSION FOR THAT MEETING AND THAT IT WOULD BE
RESUMED ON MONDAY. CHAIRMAN THEREUPON ADJOURNED THE
MEETING. CATTO

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